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Northwest Region Potato Stocks on February 1, 2019 Totaled 143 Million Hundredweight

Potato stocks in Idaho on February 1, 2019 totaled 79.0 million cwt. Disappearance of the Idaho crop to date was 61.2 million cwt. February 1 potato stocks in Oregon totaled 15.0 million cwt. Disappearance to date was 13.1 million cwt. In Washington, February 1 potato stocks totaled 49.0 million cwt. Disappearance to date totaled 56.6 million cwt. Nationally, The 13 major potato States held 214 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2019, up 3 percent from February 1, 2018. Potatoes in storage accounted for 51 percent of the fall storage States' 2018 production, the same percentage as the previous year. Potato disappearance, at 206 million cwt, was up 4 percent from February 1, 2018. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 17.1 million cwt, was 9 percent higher than the same time last year.

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 39.5 million cwt of potatoes for the season, up 2 percent from February 2018. In Washington and other Oregon counties, 50.3 million cwt of potatoes had been used by processors for the season, up 8 percent from the previous year. Processors in the 8 major States used 111 million cwt of potatoes for the season, up 4 percent from February 2018. Dehydrating usage accounted for 20.8 million cwt of the total potatoes processed.

Fall Potato Production and Stocks — 13 Major States: February 1, 2018-2019

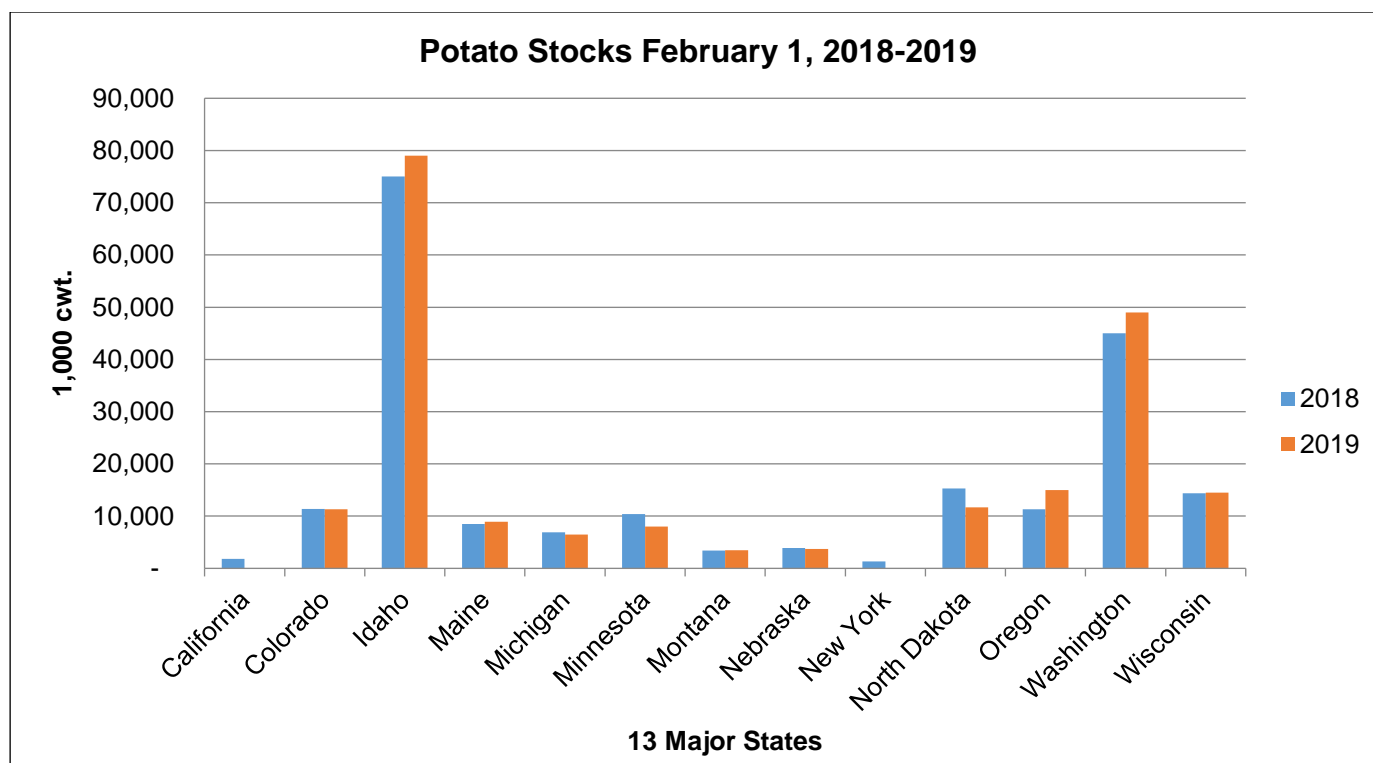
[Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2017 totaled 29.9 million cwt]

State	Crop of 2017			Crop of 2018			
	Production	Stocks February 1, 2018	February stocks as a percent of production	Production	Stocks December 1, 2018	Stocks February 1, 2019	February stocks as a percent of production
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(percent)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(percent)
California	3,321	1,800	54	3,225	2,200	(D)	(D)
Colorado	21,220	11,400	54	21,722	15,400	11,300	52
Idaho	134,850	75,000	56	140,175	101,000	79,000	56
Maine	15,200	8,500	56	15,345	12,000	8,900	58
Michigan	18,315	6,900	38	18,240	10,200	6,500	36
Minnesota	18,428	10,400	56	18,705	13,000	8,000	43
Montana	3,774	3,400	90	3,830	3,600	3,500	91
Nebraska	9,025	3,900	43	9,361	5,000	3,700	40
New York	4,032	1,300	32	4,118	2,000	(D)	(D)
North Dakota	24,420	15,300	63	23,360	17,000	11,700	50
Oregon	25,245	11,300	45	28,060	20,700	15,000	53
Washington	99,220	45,000	45	105,600	62,000	49,000	46
Wisconsin	29,750	14,400	48	28,400	19,500	14,500	51
Other States	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2,800	(NA)
Total	406,800	208,600	51	420,141	283,600	213,900	51
Klamath Basin ¹	(NA)	3,100	(NA)	(NA)	4,700	(D)	(NA)

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(NA) Not available.

¹ Includes potato stocks in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Already included in the 13-States total.



Quantity of Potatoes Used for Processing — 8 States: 2016-2018

[Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun.]

State and crop year	To December 1	To January 1	To February 1	To March 1	To April 1	To May 1	To June 1	Season
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon								
2016.....	25,720	32,650	39,475	46,880	54,625	61,950	70,110	92,760
2017.....	24,840	31,920	38,950	46,610	54,060	61,285	69,840	87,379
2018.....	25,170	31,985	39,535					
Maine								
2016.....	1,260	1,665	2,175	2,660	3,080	3,470	3,825	5,059
2017.....	1,510	1,880	2,370	2,880	3,460	4,010	4,560	4,829
2018.....	1,470	1,890	2,400					
Washington and Oregon, other ¹								
2016.....	36,700	42,180	47,835	55,365	62,125	68,705	76,635	90,785
2017.....	32,885	39,925	46,515	54,355	61,780	68,555	76,495	91,160
2018.....	36,395	43,385	50,300					
Other States ²								
2016.....	10,035	13,570	17,140	21,005	25,085	28,505	32,385	38,631
2017.....	10,030	14,181	18,075	22,740	26,535	30,425	34,740	42,856
2018.....	10,738	14,578	18,381					
United States								
2016.....	73,715	90,065	106,625	125,910	144,915	162,630	182,955	227,235
2017.....	69,265	87,906	105,910	126,585	145,835	164,275	185,635	226,224
2018.....	73,773	91,838	110,616					
Dehydrated ³								
2016.....	11,560	15,305	19,085	22,675	26,565	30,545	34,890	46,317
2017.....	10,595	14,304	18,085	21,680	25,775	29,800	34,410	44,263
2018.....	13,655	17,030	20,820					

¹ Oregon excluding Malheur County.

² Other States include Colorado, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin.

³ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Includes Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Oregon, and Washington.

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